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# Brewing Up Something *Made* for Versailles

## *Rooster Joe's, Made Apparel Officially Open*

VERSAILLES — A building that initially seemed too large for either business became the right fit when Rooster Joe's and Made Apparel decided to share it.

The businesses celebrated their Versailles locations with a soft opening and ribbon cutting alongside the Versailles Chamber of Commerce Board on Wednesday, Oct. 7, bringing coffee, apparel and a shared commitment to community under one roof.

The location at 39 S. Center St., a former Versailles fire station, houses second storefronts for the Coldwater-based coffee shop and Celina-based apparel business.

For Rooster Joe's owner Joe McClurg, the path to Versailles began with a friendship. Ben Wietholter, president of Acumen Building Solutions, had been McClurg's neighbor in Coldwater before moving back to Versailles.

When Wietholter purchased the building, he approached McClurg about bringing the coffee shop to town.

"Ben approached us saying Versailles could really use a place like this," McClurg said.

The space, however, presented an obstacle.

"When we first came and looked at the building, our first thought was it was just too big for us, which initially shelved the idea, but Ben is very persistent," McClurg said.

Wietholter eventually connected with Made Apparel, whose owners had similar concerns about the building's size. Sharing the space gave both businesses a way forward.

For McClurg, the move also carries a personal connection.

"Both of my grandparents were from Versailles, so I have spent a lot of time here growing up. I consider it my second home," he said. "I am familiar with the people here in Versailles and I think that will fit our idea on what we want to be as a Rooster Joe's."

Since opening the original Coldwater location in January 2020, McClurg said supporting other small businesses has been central to the operation. He plans to carry that approach into Versailles, with locally sourced pastries and milk from Logan County.

"We are very local, everything we do is as local as possible," he said. "We want to help all small businesses."

The Versailles location also includes a drive-through, a feature McClurg said helped make the Coldwater shop popular.

"The drive-through helps us get people in, caffeinated and on their way quickly," he said.

For Made Apparel owners Brooke and Braelen Bader, a husband-and-wife team, interest from Versailles cus-

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**Joe McClurg, and Brooke and Braelen Bader cut the ceremonial ribbon outside Versailles' newest establishments. Joining them are members of the Versailles Chamber of Commerce.**

# Midmark Supports Dayton Children's through Canine Co-Pilot Fundraising Efforts

## *Facility dog visit highlights the human-animal bond as Midmark Teammates raise funds for Dayton Children's*

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VERSAILLES, Ohio, Oct. 12, 2026 — Midmark Corp., a leader in designing seamless clinical care experiences that millions of medical, dental and veterinary visits depend on every day, recently welcomed Dayton Children's Canine Co-Pilots to its Versailles campus as part of the company's ongoing support of the hospital.

The Oct. 8 event gave Midmark Teammates an opportunity to meet some of the facility dog handler team as well as two of Dayton Children's facility dogs. The facility dog handlers are part of the hospital's Child Life team, and they discussed the important role the handlers and their dogs play in supporting children and families during hospital visits. The facility dogs work alongside the handlers and are specially trained to help comfort children during medical procedures, encourage movement and activity, ease anxiety and provide emotional support during difficult or unfamiliar experiences.

"Dayton Children's Canine Co-Pilots are an important part of the care experience we provide for children and families," said Kristy Rowe, child life manager at Dayton Children's. "We are grateful for Midmark's continued support and for the opportunity to share the work of our facility dog team with Midmark Teammates. Their support helps us continue creating positive experiences for the children and families we serve."

The event is part of a series of fundraising activities Midmark Teammates are supporting for Dayton Children's this year, including café roundups, opportunities to donate directly to the Canine Co-Pilot Program and additional fundraising activities planned in the coming months. During the Oct. 8 event, Midmark also presented a $7,500 check to Dayton Children's in support of the hospital's K99.1FM Cares for Kids Radiothon on Oct. 23. In addition to the company's sponsorship, Midmark Teammates will volunteer to answer phones during the radiothon.

"Midmark's mission is to improve the experience between the patient and the caregiver, and for Midmark, that patient may be human or animal," said Dr. Tom Schwieterman, vice president, clinical affairs and chief medical officer for Midmark. "That creates a natural connection to the human-animal bond and to the role relationships

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# Honor Our Veterans & Active Duty Military at Worch Memorial Public Library

VERSAILLES - Worch Memorial Public Library invites the community to visit our annual Veterans & Military Display, on exhibit now through Veterans Day.

The display honors the men and women who have served, as well as those who are currently serving, in the United States Armed Forces. It features photographs, uniforms, military artifacts, letters, memorabilia, and patriotic decorations representing military service from different families, generations, branches, and places across the country.

This year's display also includes a special board recognizing families with multiple members who have served or are currently serving in the military, highlighting the proud tradition of service passed down through generations.

We are continuing to add to the display and welcome contributions honoring veterans and active-duty military members from anywhere in the United States or abroad. They do not need to be local or have any connection to the Versailles area.

Patrons are encouraged to bring in military photographs, uniforms, artifacts, letters, memorabilia, or other meaningful items they would like to share. Items may be donated permanently to the library or loaned to us temporarily for the duration of the display.

Stop by Worch Memorial Public Library before Veterans Day to explore the collection, share a piece of military history, and help us honor the service, stories, and sacrifices of veterans and active-duty members of the United States military, wherever they may call home.




# Phlipot Competes at State and Reflects on the Experience

AKRON — Ethan Phlipot finished his high school golf career with a goal accomplished and memories that will last well beyond his final round.



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# Garst Museum's *Annie's Gala and Silent Auction*

GREENVILLE – Are you bidding on Mike and Sherri Jones' newly renovated Ft. Myers Beachhouse (right on the beach!) that sleeps 10 (VRBO #4313258)? Perhaps you want to bid on two tickets to see Ohio State play Northwestern November 14 at "The Shoe" with two tickets donated by Chris & Pegi Deeter? How about… artwork including Bob Brubaker pieces? Antiques? New KitchenAid ® equipment? Sporting tickets? Or, edibles like Ghyslain chocolates, local restaurant gift cards or grocery/gas gift cards? GarstGala.com has all the details!

Annie's GALA, inside Garst Museum, Greenville runs from Wednesday, October 21 through Saturday, October 31, at noon. Just a warning – it gets pretty exciting at the wire on closing day!

New this year is a GALA Kick-Off on Wednesday, October 21 from 4 – 6 PM and you are invited! This Museum after-hours event, will be a great chance to check out the many unique items and enjoy refreshments so come and have fun and start your Christmas shopping! All items in the fundraiser have been donated for the Annie's GALA.

You can participate in-person or by phone. Details of items featured will be posted on garstgala.com. To place a bid or get a bid number, buy Target Raffle Tickets or 50/50 Tickets: Call 937-548-5250 or come to Garst Museum. Email questions to garstgala@gmail.com

Pictured below is Mike & Sherri Jones' VRBO #4313258



# From the President's Desk

**By Deb Pohl**
*Versailles Historical Society*

Have you ever wondered about the history of the Versailles Town Hall, pictured here, or had questions about the Versailles Fire? If you enjoy local history and would like to share it with others, consider becoming a docent at the Versailles Area Museum.

The museum will hold a free training session on Wednesday, October 28, at 7 p.m. for anyone interested in becoming a docent, or volunteer tour guide. Handouts will be provided for participants to keep. Please call 937-526-4222 and leave a message if you plan to attend so we can prepare for the evening.

The museum welcomes Versailles first-, second- and third-grade classes for annual tours, as well as Russia fourth-grade students. Serving as a docent is an opportunity to help bring local history to life for these young visitors.

Interested in visiting the museum? We are open every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m., except on major holidays. Admission is free!

*See you at the museum!*



# Seeds of Strength Planned by the Versailles FFA for November 17th

The Versailles FFA will host "Seeds of Strength," a community-wide mental health prevention and awareness event, on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2026, in the Versailles High School cafeteria. Doors will open at 6:00pm with the program starting at 6:30pm. Created in response to recent local losses, the initiative aims to break the stigma surrounding mental health and promote well-being. The evening will feature a complimentary dinner catered by Mary Bergman alongside presentations from featured speakers including Nicole Noble and FFA President Rhylan Broerman along with many other helpful mental health professionals. On-site support resources, including local guidance counselors, therapists, and representatives from the "You Matter" initiative, will also be available to assist attendees. There will also be a kids program that is run and designed but the Versailles Hope Squad.

Every participant will receive a custom gift bag containing a mental health resource journal, mood tracker, essential oils, a stress ball, a T-shirt, and a planting kit complete with seeds, soil, and information on the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. Admission to the event is free. Those interested in attending must register by Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2026, by using this link https://forms.gle/9eeCHbaaeMuEbs9N9. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to FFA Advisor Ms. Bergman at 937-621-9136 , FFA Advisor Olivia Hawk at 419-852-1572 or Versailles FFA President Rhylan Broerman at 937-726-8584, you can also contact email, Ms. Bergman at taylor.bergman@vtiger.org or Ms Hawk at olivia.hawk@vtigers.org. Let's come together, listen, learn, and take a step toward making a difference in our community.

# Happy Birthday to Virginia Goubeaux who turns 104!



Virginia Goubeaux birthday is Friday, October 16 and her family wants to wish her a happy 104th! They also want to invite members of the Versailles community to do the same by card showering her on this milestone birthday.

Cards can be mailed to her address at 9951 Kelch Rd Versailles, OH 45380.

We hope Virginia enjoys her special day!

# Darke County Students Explore Manufacturing Careers




Darke County high school students stepped outside the classroom to explore local career opportunities through tours of area manufacturing facilities in celebration of National Manufacturing Day.

The tours gave students a firsthand look at the technology, equipment and skilled professionals that help drive the county's economy. Participating manufacturers shared information about their operations, workplace skills and pathways into manufacturing careers.

Businesses welcoming students included Moriroku Technology North America (MTNA), JAFE Decorating, Klockner Pentaplast, Fort Recovery Industries, Whirlpool, J&M Manufacturing, Production Paint and Midmark.

"Manufacturing offers so many career opportunities," said Denise Elsas, workforce specialist with Darke County Economic Development. "Students are able to see the wide range of careers available—from engineering and technology to skilled trades, quality, logistics, production, leadership and more—and begin connecting their interests and skills to potential career pathways right here in our community."

National Manufacturing Day is celebrated each October to highlight modern manufacturing careers and encourage students to explore the industry. Locally, the event also strengthens connections between schools and employers.

The tours are part of Darke County's workforce development efforts, giving students opportunities to ask questions, interact with professionals and better understand the skills employers seek.

Darke County Economic Development thanked the participating manufacturers for sharing their time and expertise and investing in the next generation of the county's workforce.

# Heritage Park to Begin Winterization of Park

The Board of Trustees for Heritage Park is announcing that the park's restrooms will be closed for the season on October 19, 2026. The restrooms will be closed and winterized, the trash pick-up will be discontinued, and the park will be prepared for the winter months.

However, area residents are permitted and encouraged to use the park all year long. The trustees ask that you take your trash with you if you are having a picnic or other function.

The 2026 season for Heritage Park was filled with countless activities and we thank everyone for helping us keep the park clean and safe for all to enjoy. Heritage Park is funded by the Poultry Days Festival and donations from the public.

If you have a suggestion or comment regarding the park, or would like to make a donation, please contact any of the following trustees: Brian Griesdorn, H.B. Hole, Brent Pepple, Mike Poling, Chad Koesters, Doug Groff, Bill Brandewie, Jim Huffman, Justin Feltz, Tony Rose, or Matt Mangen. We hope that you enjoy the park, including the new and improved playground, and are frequent visitors.

# Tavern Takeout Returns October 24 to Support Local History

TROY — The Troy Historical Society will bring together food, history, and community with the return of Tavern Takeout on Saturday, October 24, 2026. Proceeds will support the work of The Troy Historical Society and the ongoing restoration of the Overfield Tavern.

This year's meal features a grilled Duroc pork chop, sautéed cabbage, cornbread, and spiced baked apples for $40. Local apple cider will be available for an additional $3 and bottled water for $2. The meal will be prepared by Chef Bryan Begg of Smoke Alley Barbecue and Bakehouse Bread & Cookie Co., both generous sponsors of the event.

The Tavern Takeout menu is inspired by the foodways of Ohio's early settlers. Historical accounts, together with evidence uncovered during recent archaeological investigations at the Overfield Tavern, are helping The Troy Historical Society better understand the foods available to early residents and how meals were prepared and served. Tavern Takeout offers a modern interpretation of some of those foods and flavors.

Built in 1808, the Overfield Tavern is Troy's oldest building and one of the oldest buildings in Miami County. The Tavern served as an early gathering place and Troy's first courthouse. For more than two centuries, food and community have been part of its story.

Following the December 2024 fire, the Overfield Tavern remains unable to host its traditional Yuletide Dinners. Tavern Takeout continues that tradition of gathering around food while serving as the Society's major annual fundraiser.

Meals will be available for pickup at scheduled times on October 24 at St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen, 25 N. Mulberry Street in Troy, directly across from the Overfield Tavern.

Tickets are $40 and must be purchased in advance: https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/tavern-takeout

Share a good meal. Support local history. Help us restore Troy's original gathering place.

# Food, Travel and Education for Darke County Seniors

Seniors at the Darke County Senior Center recently enjoyed two programs featuring delicious food and creative cooking ideas.

During Fun Food with Sean, Sean Strawser of Beanz Buttercream Bakery and Eatery demonstrated how to make pinwheels filled with pecans and cinnamon. Everyone in attendance took home a pinwheel.

The Eat More Veggies program, presented by Eileen Litchfield, also drew a strong turnout. Participants sampled vegetables prepared in creative ways, including roasted and lightly glazed varieties, along with flavorful dips and sauces.

Visit the center's Facebook page for information about upcoming activities and photos from past events.



**Sean Strawser of Beanz Buttercream Bakery & Eatery presents Food Fun**

***Quiet Harmony Ranch Road Trip***

Members are invited to visit Quiet Harmony Ranch in New Paris on Friday, Oct. 30. Participants will carpool from the center at 1 p.m. Reservations are due by Oct. 23.

An all-day senior pass costs $13, payable at the entrance. Attractions include tours and the drive-through Elk Adventure, where visitors can see cows, calves and majestic bulls. Guests can also explore Discovery Trails, enjoy pedal cars, slides and games at Action Acres, and try elk meat products raised on the farm.

Participants are encouraged to contribute toward their driver's fuel expenses. There is no attendance limit.

***2027 Travel Preview***

Leigh Fletcher of Friends on Board will present a preview of the company's 2027 travel schedule from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2. Reservations are requested by Oct. 26.

The presentation will feature group motorcoach trips and trips involving air travel, open to the public ages 12 and older. Members will have an opportunity to make early reservations. Attendees are encouraged to bring their calendars and checkbooks if they wish to reserve a trip.

Snacks will be provided. The program is free, with donations to the senior center appreciated. There is no attendance limit.

***Wavaires Fall Concert***

The Greenville High School Wavaires show choir will perform at the center at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2. Reservations are encouraged by Oct. 26.

The approximately 45-minute program will feature selections from the group's fall concert, including "Eye of the Tiger," "Everybody Wants to Rule the World," "Dance with Me Tonight" and "Boogie Wonderland." A Halloween-themed set will include "Thriller," "Monster Mash" and "Ghostbusters."

The program will also feature a tribute to the Armed Forces, along with solo and small-group performances. Donations collected will benefit the Wavaires. There is no attendance limit.

***Upcoming Activities***

Monday, Oct. 19: Cardio Drumming, 10–11 a.m.; Beginner Knitters, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (RSVP by Oct. 12).

Tuesday, Oct. 20: Chair Yoga, 10–10:45 a.m.; Geri-Fit, 11 a.m.–noon (advance registration required); Game Day, 1–3 p.m.; Card Bingo, 7–9 p.m. (RSVP by Oct. 6).

Wednesday, Oct. 21: REFIT®, 10–11 a.m.; Beginner Line Dancing, noon ($5); Line Dancing, 1–3 p.m. ($5); Alzheimer's Support Group, 5–6 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 22: Chair Yoga, 10–10:45 a.m.; Geri-Fit, 11 a.m.–noon; Lunch & Learn presented by Darke County Veteran Services, noon (RSVP by Oct. 15).

Friday, Oct. 23: REFIT®, 10–11 a.m.; Mystery Lunch, 11:30 a.m. (RSVP by Oct. 16); Halloween Dance, 7–10 p.m. (RSVP by Oct. 16).

Monday, Oct. 26: Cardio Drumming, 10–11 a.m.; Beginner Knitters, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (RSVP by Oct. 12); Art with Bree, 1–3 p.m. (RSVP and prepay by Oct. 19).

Tuesday, Oct. 27: Chair Yoga, 10–10:45 a.m.; Geri-Fit, 11 a.m.–noon (advance registration required); Game Day, 1–3 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 28: REFIT®, 10–11 a.m.; Beginner Line Dancing, noon ($5); Line Dancing, 1–3 p.m. ($5).

Thursday, Oct. 29: Chair Yoga, 10–10:45 a.m.; Geri-Fit, 11 a.m.–noon.

Friday, Oct. 30: REFIT®, 10–11 a.m.; Quiet Harmony Ranch road trip, departing at 1 p.m. (RSVP by Oct. 23).

Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at the Darke County Senior Center, 5844 Jaysville-St. Johns Road, Greenville. Center activities are open to adults ages 55 and older, with a $2 annual membership required.

To RSVP, sign up at the center or call or text 937-794-2556. Messages are answered during office hours, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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**Eileen Litchfield presents Eat More Veggies**

# From the Treasurer's Desk

## *The Credit on Your Tax Bill, and Where It Came From*

VERSAILLES SCHOOLS BOARD REPORT

*Submitted by Brad Luthman, Treasurer, Versailles Exempted Village Schools*

If you looked closely at your property tax bill this year, you may have noticed a new line: a credit against your school taxes. This month I want to explain what that credit is, why it exists, and what it means for Versailles schools. The short version is this. It is real tax relief for you, and it is a real reduction in revenue for the district. Both of those things are true at once.

In my August column I walked through how Ohio school property taxes work. The one paragraph version: voters here have approved 32.8 mills of operating levies over the years. A 1976 law, House Bill 920, automatically dials those rates down as property values rise, so a levy keeps producing roughly the dollars it produced when it passed. State law then sets a floor. The effective rate on operating levies cannot drop below 20 mills, and Versailles sits on that floor. Of the mills you approved, the district collects 20, including 4.8 mills of inside millage that never appears on a ballot.

Being on the floor came with one unusual feature. Because our rate could not be dialed down any further, our collections finally rose when property values did. When Darke and Shelby Counties completed their reappraisal in 2023 and residential and agricultural values climbed 28 percent, floor districts like Versailles saw real revenue growth for the first time in years without asking voters for anything. For a district trying to keep pace with costs that rise faster than inflation, that growth mattered.

The property tax reform package signed in December 2025 changed the rules for floor districts. House Bill 186 caps our revenue growth at the rate of general inflation, measured by an index called the GDP deflator. It also applies that cap retroactively to the 2023 reappraisal cycle. Any growth above inflation that the district collected from 2023 through 2025 is now being returned to property owners. That return is the credit on your bill.

The credit reduces the district's collections by an estimated $614,000 this fiscal year and roughly $410,000 each year after that. Through 2031, that is about $1.9 million, after a one-time partial reimbursement from the state. The credit is permanent, and it will be recalculated at every future reappraisal, including the triennial update our counties are finishing right now.

The credit you see on your bill is money the district would have received under the old rules and now will not. None of this puts Versailles in trouble today. Our reserves are healthy, our budget is balanced, and the five-year forecast we filed with the state in August shows a stable near term picture. But property taxes are one of the three pillars that hold up your schools, alongside the school district income tax, and state funding (which isn't holding still either). The property tax pillar now grows at the rate of inflation while the costs it pays for do not. Salaries, health insurance, buses, and utilities have all outrun the GDP deflator in recent years.

You approved 32.8 mills. You pay 20. That gap is fifty years of taxpayer protection working exactly as designed. The new law adds another layer of protection for property owners and a new constraint for your schools. So, when you see that credit on your bill, know that it is deliberate. Lawmakers in Columbus chose relief for property owners across Ohio, and Versailles Schools will plan around that choice as we steward resources for the students we have now and the ones still coming. The full forecast and every number behind this article are on the district website.

For more information, visit https://www.versailles.k12.oh.us/page/treasurers-office, email bradley.luthman@vtigers.org, or call 937-526-4773.






# *Rooster Joe's, Made Apparel Officially Open Continued*

"The drive-through helps us get people in, caffeinated and on their way quickly," he said.

For Made Apparel owners Brooke and Braelen Bader, a husband-and-wife team, interest from Versailles customers helped make the decision to expand.

Brooke said suggestions to open farther south began around the Celina store's first anniversary. Online sales offered further encouragement.

"The last two to three years our online Versailles collection has been our top-selling collection," she said. "So that told us that there was support from this community."

The building itself also felt familiar, with a roofline, color and concrete flooring reminiscent of their Celina storefront. Its history added to the appeal.

Still, the Baders wanted to be certain they could handle a second location while maintaining the attention given to their original store.

"We want both locations to show the efforts are there," Braelen said. "We just didn't want one to slip. We just had to make sure we could do it."

Brooke joked that their first reaction was "an immediate absolutely not," but the possibility remained in the back of their minds.

"But the idea was just always hanging right there," Braelen said. "We think the missing piece was Rooster Joe, doing it as a team, we just couldn't say no."

The Baders plan to divide their time between the two storefronts. They also credited a trusted manager who has worked with them for three years with helping make the expansion possible.

That team approach extends to staffing in Versailles. They said most staff members will also work at Rooster Joe's, allowing employees to help on either side when one business gets busy.

For Brooke, the new location is an opportunity to build connections through the products they create.

"As a small business, we always want the people to know and see our hearts are in this, with energy behind it," she said.

"When we design something, we think about community, 'Would they like this?' We just want people to feel connected to our products."

Made Apparel is open Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. While Rooster Joe's will be open Monday-Friday from 5:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday service is available through the drive-through only.






# Versailles FFA Participates in District 5 FFA Job Interview Contest

ST. HENRY - On Friday, October 2nd four Versailles FFA members participated in the District 5 FFA Job Interview Competition at St. Henry High School. The contest is designed to assist FFA members in the development of oral skills with the job application and interview process. Students had to create a resume and cover letter, fill out a job application pertaining to a specific agricultural job, complete an interview and write a follow up thank you letter and address an envelope in a timed session. The members who competed in this contest included: Senior Division Cale DeMange, Junior Division Monica Evers, Sophomore Division Colby Peters, and Freshmen Division Julia Evers. Cale placed 17th, Monica placed 3rd, Colby placed 6th, and Julia placed 5th! Congratulations to all! A special thank you to Amy Hoying, Beth Simons, Dena Wuebker, and Dave Harmon for helping work with these FFA members in preparation for the District 5 Job Interview Contest.



**Versailles FFA members who competed in the District Job Interview Contest included Monica Evers, Colby Peters, and Julia Evers. (Not pictured Cale DeMange).**

# Versailles FFA Hosting Veteran Program and Free Meal

Versailles FFA Hosting Veterans, Spouses of Deceased Veterans, Active Duty Military, Parents and Family Hosting Program and Free Meal on Nov 5th, Please RSVP by Friday, Oct 30th.

The Versailles FFA would like to invite all veterans along with their spouses, spouses of deceased veterans, and active duty military members and their parents to a free dinner on November 5th to recognize you and your service to our country. This event includes a free dinner, performances from Versailles schools musical department and presentation of gifts made by Versailles FFA members. The free dinner will be served at 6:30pm in the Versailles Cafetorium followed by the guest speakers and presentation of special gifts. The cafeteria can be accessed from door 19 in the bus parking lot. This lot can be accessed by the drive directly across from Elmwood Drive. The event is completely free for all in attendance. Please RSVP to attend this event by October 30th by calling Versailles High School Secretary Reyna Shardo at 937-526-4427-ext. 3000, FFA Advisor Ms. Bergman at 937-621-9136 , FFA Advisor Olivia Hawk at 419-852-1572 or Versailles FFA President Rhylan Broerman at 937-726-8584, you can also contact email reyna.shardo@vtigers.org, Ms. Bergman at taylor.bergman@vtiger.org or Ms Hawk at olivia.hawk@vtigers.org.

# Livingston and Billenstein Named FFA Members of the Month

Versailles FFA congratulates Brooklyn Livingston as one of September's FFA Members of the Month. Brooklyn has been involved in monthly meetings, Igniting Awareness, Senior Citizen Birthday Parties, Fruit Sales, Veterans Day, Feed the Farmers, and the Beef and Pork Tent. This year at the fair, she was crowned Poultry Queen! Brooklyn is the daughter of Brad and Chrissy Strausbaugh of Versailles. Brooklyn Livingston received a t-shirt and certificate for being named FFA member of the month.

The second FFA member of the month was Cody Billenstein. Cody has been involved in Monthly Meetings, Shop and Crop, State Convention, Fruit Sales, and Toy Drive. Cody was also selected as a top-4 National Proficiency Finalist in the area of Swine Production Placement, with final placings announced at National FFA Convention this October! Cody is the son of Jason and Kelly Billenstein of North Star. Cody Billenstein received a t-shirt and certificate for being named FFA member of the month.



**Congratulations to September's FFA members of the month Brooklyn Livingston and Cody Billenstein.**

# Western Ohio Ag Meeting Coming to Versailles Nov. 6

Farmers in Darke County and surrounding communities will have an opportunity to hear from agricultural specialists and industry representatives during the Western Ohio Ag Outlook Meeting on Friday, Nov. 6, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 8840 State Route 47, Versailles.

The meeting will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with lunch provided. Topics will include crop and livestock outlooks, farm programs, production costs, land values, trade policies and land use.

Registration is required by Nov. 2 at go.osu.edu/2026agoutlook. Participants may also register by contacting Caden Buschur, Ohio State University Extension educator, at 937-548-5215 or buschur.46@osu.edu.

The program will begin with lunch and opportunities to visit sponsor booths from 11 a.m. to noon. Panel presentations will follow from noon to 1 p.m., featuring Don Jones of the USDA Farm Service Agency discussing FSA updates, farm programs and the Farm Bill; Justin Rismiller of Cargill addressing soybean crushing and biodiesel; Garth Ruff of OSU Extension presenting a beef industry outlook; and Barry Ward of OSU Extension discussing crop input costs, margins, cropland values and cash rent.

A panel question-and-answer session will take place from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Afternoon presentations, scheduled from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., will feature Ohio State's Gabriel Lade discussing taxes, land use and data centers; Ohio State's Ian Sheldon addressing trade and trade policies; and Buschur sharing information on Ohio farm custom rates. A final question-and-answer session will conclude the meeting.

The meeting comes as local producers continue fall fieldwork. In his latest agricultural update, Buschur reported that fields have largely dried enough following recent heavy rains for corn and soybean harvest to continue. Fall tillage and wheat planting are also underway, and motorists are reminded to watch for farm equipment on area roads.

Wet conditions have presented challenges across Ohio. Buschur's Oct. 9 newsletter highlighted an OSU Extension weather report showing that much of the state received between 4 and 12.5 inches of rain from Sept. 5 through Oct. 4, or approximately 125% to 400% of normal rainfall.

Buschur also addressed corn yield forecasts and crop progress, along with soybean harvest delays and reports of discolored seed following prolonged wet weather. Producers are encouraged to remain alert to harvest and grain-quality concerns as fieldwork continues.

For soybean growers, fall also provides an opportunity to sample fields for soybean cyst nematode, commonly known as SCN. Testing helps producers understand nematode levels in their fields and make informed management decisions.

Through support from the Ohio Soybean Council, growers may submit up to two SCN samples to the Ohio State laboratory free of charge. Buschur is available to provide additional information and assist producers with collecting field samples.

Livestock producers are encouraged to evaluate their winter feed supplies. The newsletter outlined four steps for a fall forage inventory: measuring available forage, calculating livestock demand, inventorying stored feed and developing a feeding plan. It also directed farmers to an OSU overview of estimated Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage payments for corn, soybeans and wheat.

Several additional local programs are planned for October. The next Darke County Garden Roundtable will be held Thursday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m. at the OSU Extension Office. The Darke County Ag Breakfast will follow Friday, Oct. 23, at 7:30 a.m. at Jack's Cabin in Greenville.

Buschur will also present an apple production program Thursday, Oct. 29, at 6 p.m. at Worch Library. The program will cover planting and caring for apple trees, selecting varieties and troubleshooting common problems.

For information about these programs, SCN sampling or other agricultural resources, contact Buschur at 937-548-5215 or buschur.46@osu.edu.

# USDA Announces Record Farm Payments; Enrollment Deadline Approaches

Farmers with eligible corn, soybean and wheat base acres are among those receiving support through a record $13.8 billion in federal farm safety net payments for the 2025 crop year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

USDA announced Oct. 7 that its Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs will generate their largest annual payout since Congress established the programs in the 2014 Farm Bill. The payments arrive as producers harvest their 2026 crops, but cover price and revenue conditions from the previous crop year.

For area producers, the announcement brings both financial assistance and a reminder to complete enrollment for the next round of coverage. The deadline to elect coverage and enroll for the 2026 crop year is Dec. 11, 2026.

The two programs, administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency, help protect participating producers against substantial declines in commodity prices or crop revenue. PLC provides support when a covered commodity's effective price falls below its effective reference price. ARC provides support when county-level or individual farm revenue falls below a guaranteed level.

The record payment total reflects expanded program benefits as well as the price and revenue conditions used to calculate assistance. An analysis by University of Illinois and Ohio State University agricultural economists found that legislative changes increased expected payments, while differences in county yields helped determine where ARC payments would exceed PLC payments. Payments generally are tied to historical program base acres rather than simply the number of acres planted this season.

Changes enacted under the Working Families Tax Cuts Act raised statutory reference prices and revised other program calculations beginning with the 2025 crop year. For that year only, eligible producers will automatically receive the higher payment rate available under ARC or PLC, regardless of their program election.

Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins said the assistance would help producers cover operating costs, prepare for the next crop year and invest in their operations.

However, the announced $13.8 billion represents gross payments nationwide. Actual payments will be reduced by applicable payment limitations and a required 5.7% federal sequestration reduction. USDA said the payment limit for the 2025 crop year is $160,000.

Corn, soybeans and wheat are among the commodities that triggered PLC payments for 2025. ARC-County payments depend on county revenue calculations, meaning payment amounts and eligibility can vary. FSA will issue payments as calculations are completed.

The national announcement did not provide a payment total for Darke County.

Looking ahead, additional base acres allocated under the legislation will affect coverage beginning with the 2026 crop year. Producers should review their coverage and enrollment with their local FSA office rather than assume the automatic higher-payment provision for 2025 applies in future years.

USDA says producers must have a signed enrollment contract to participate. The agency is offering multi-year contracts covering 2026 through 2031, and producers should contact their county office to determine what paperwork is needed before the Dec. 11 deadline.

Additional information about eligibility, payment calculations and enrollment is available at fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc. Producers with questions about their individual payments should contact their local Farm Service Agency office.

# SPORTS

# Tigers Take Care of Business on the Road

## *Versailles dominates on both sides of the ball, builds momentum heading into final stretch of regular season*

**JD Nye** *Versailles Policy*

DELPHOS — The Versailles Tigers did exactly what they were supposed to do Friday night.

Facing a Delphos St. John's team that entered the contest with a 1-6 overall record and winless in Midwest Athletic Conference play, Versailles wasted little time taking control, cruising to a convincing 49-0 road victory.

The Tigers (5-3, 3-3 MAC) dominated on both sides of the ball, using explosive offensive plays and a suffocating defensive effort to build a 35-0 halftime advantage before cruising through the second half with a running clock.

For a Versailles team that has found itself in several tightly contested games this season, Friday's performance was a welcome change of pace.

When asked about finally getting off to a strong start, Versailles head coach Scott Broerman couldn't help but smile.

"Yeah, that was nice. I'll take it," Broerman said jokingly.

Versailles established its ground game immediately, averaging nearly 10 yards per carry on its opening possession. Damien Barga capped the drive with a touchdown run, and Kade Schwartz added the extra point to give the Tigers a 7-0 advantage with 8:40 remaining in the first quarter.



**Damien Barga with the carry before later scoring**

Delphos St. John's showed some life on its opening possession, but the Versailles defense quickly settled in. Ben Kiser recorded a sack to put the Blue Jays behind the chains, and a false start penalty on fourth down ultimately forced Delphos to punt.

The Tigers went three-and-out on their next possession, something Broerman acknowledged still bothered him despite the lopsided final score.

"There's still stuff to work on. We had that three-and-out on the second possession, which just drives me nuts," Broerman said. "So we'll get that fixed."

After the Versailles defense forced another punt, the Tigers found themselves backed up at their own 2-yard line following an excellent Delphos punt.

But quarterback Blake Monnin immediately flipped the field with a completion of more than 30 yards to TE Alex Westgerdes. Versailles continued marching downfield before Nick Meyer punched the ball into the end zone, extending the lead to 14-0 with 7:33 remaining in the second quarter.

From there, the Tigers' offense exploded.

Following another defensive stop, Versailles took possession at its own 45-yard line. On the very first play, Monnin connected with Schwartz for a 55-yard touchdown pass.

Schwartz made the catch and delivered one of the night's most memorable highlights, using a sharp move to evade two Delphos defenders, who collided with each other, leaving Schwartz a clear path to the end zone.

The touchdown pushed Versailles ahead 21-0 with 5:23 remaining before halftime.

The Tigers weren't finished.

After forcing another Delphos three-and-out, Versailles took over at its own 35-yard line. On the first play of the possession, senior Landyn Knapke broke free for a 65-yard touchdown run, giving the Tigers two touchdowns on consecutive offensive snaps across separate possessions.



**Landyn Knapke celebrates with teammate Noah Koopman after Knapke's 65 yard TD run**

The two plays combined for 120 yards and two touchdowns, something Broerman was particularly pleased to see.

"We had some big explosive plays, which are nice," Broerman said. "We'll take those as we haven't had any of those for several weeks."

Knapke's touchdown was especially meaningful as the senior continues working his way back after missing the beginning of the season.

"Yeah, it's nice having him back. We got to get him up to speed a little bit more," Broerman said. "I don't think he's running at full speed, and, you know, so he's got some work to do yet. But yeah, it was good to see him, with all the work that he's done, to be able to punch that in there. I'm sure it meant something to him. Now we gotta build off that."

The Versailles defense continued to give Delphos little room to operate, forcing yet another quick possession and giving the Tigers the ball with just over a minute remaining before halftime.

Monnin and the offense made the most of the opportunity, driving downfield before connecting with Nick Meyer on a 15-yard touchdown pass as time expired.

Meyer made an impressive catch in the air before fighting through two defenders to reach the end zone.

Schwartz converted his fifth extra point of the half, sending Versailles into the locker room with a commanding 35-0 lead.

With the running clock in effect to begin the second half, Versailles turned to its reserves, but the results remained much the same.

Following a poor Delphos punt snap that gave Versailles excellent field position, the Tigers' second unit continued controlling the line of scrimmage. Junior, Carter Francis capped the possession with a touchdown run, extending the lead to 42-0 by the end of the third quarter.

Francis wasn't finished making an impact.

After a Versailles player touched a Delphos punt that was recovered by the Blue Jays, Francis immediately gave the ball back to the Tigers with an interception on the following play.

He later broke free for another touchdown run with 5:38 remaining in the fourth quarter, completing an impressive second half that included two rushing touchdowns and an interception.

The opportunity to get additional players onto the field was another positive takeaway for Broerman.

"I think it was nice to be able to get some kids in," Broerman said. "We have a lot of seniors, and there's nothing like playing on a Friday night. So it was nice to be able to get them some time in."





**Carter Francis scoring one of his two TDs**

Defensively, Versailles was equally impressive throughout the evening. The Tigers repeatedly forced three-and-outs, prevented the Blue Jays from establishing any consistent offensive rhythm and preserved the shutout.

The 49-0 victory was a much-needed confidence builder for Versailles, which has experienced its share of close games and frustrating moments throughout the season.

While Delphos St. John's entered the contest struggling, the Tigers handled the matchup exactly as expected, taking control early and never allowing the Blue Jays an opportunity to make things interesting.

More importantly, Versailles showed flashes of the explosive offense and consistent defensive play that could prove valuable as the regular season winds down.

With two games remaining, the Tigers will look to carry that momentum forward as they continue positioning themselves for a potential postseason run.

Versailles entered Friday's action ranked 10th in Division VI, Region 24 in the OHSAA computer ratings, with the top 12 teams in each region qualifying for the postseason. With two regular-season games remaining, the Tigers will look to strengthen their playoff position when they travel to Parkway on Friday, Oct. 16, for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

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**Passing**: B. Monnin 7-of-8, 158 yards, 2 TD, 0 INT; D. Barga 2-of-2, 16 yards, 0 INT.

**Rushing**: L. Knapke 6-118, 1 TD; Ca. Francis 3-57, 2 TD; D. Barga 5-38, 1 TD; B. Monnin 2-23; N. Meyer 2-12, 1 TD; C. Brewer 2-12; E. Heitkamp 2-4; B. Pulfer 2-3; S. Stammen 2-0; I. Hemmelgarn 1-(-2).

**Receiving**: K. Schwartz 2-60, 1 TD; N. Meyer 2-47, 1 TD; A. Westgerdes 2-38; R. Raterman 1-13; E. Heitkamp 1-9; B. Phlipot 1-7.

**Defense**: S. Schmitmeyer 4 tackles, 1 tackle for loss, 1 forced fumble; Co. Francis 3 tackles, 1 tackle for loss; D. Barga and R. Grilliot 3 tackles each; B. Kaiser 2 sacks; C. Brewer 1 sack; A. Westgerdes ½ sack; H. Wise 2 tackles for loss, 1 forced fumble; Ca. Francis 1 interception.

**Special Teams**: K. Schwartz 5-for-5 PATs; S. Bruns 2-for-2 PATs, 7 kickoffs for 315 yards; N. Marshal 1 punt for 35 yards.

**FINAL GAME STATS**
**WEEK 8**

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|---|---|
| **Versailles** | **49** |
| **Delphos St. John's** | **0** |

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| Versailles | 7 | 28 | 7 | 7 | 49 |
| Delphos St. John's | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| TEAM STATS | VER | DSJ |
|---|---|---|
| First downs | 19 | 5 |
| Rushes-yards | 27-265 | -- |
| Passing yards | 174 | -- |
| Comp-att-int | 9-10-0 | -- |
| **Total yards** | 439 | 46 |
| Third downs | 2-6 | 2-11 |
| Fourth downs | 3-3 | 0-0 |
| Fumbles-lost | 2-1 | 2-0 |
| Turnovers | 1 | 1 |
| Penalties-yards | 3-25 | 3-25 |





**Nicholas Meyer catches a pass from QB Blake Monnin, then falling into the endzone as time expired in the first half of Friday's game.**




## Friday, October 16, 7 p.m.

*Panther Stadium | Rockford, OH*

| VERSAILLES *TIGERS* | PARKWAY *PANTHERS* |
|---|---|
| **Record** *(MAC Record)* | |
| 5-3 (3-3) | 2-6 (1-5) |
| **2025 Record** | |
| 4-6 | 0-10 |
| **Head Coach** *(Overall Coaching Record)* | |
| Scott Broerman (5-3) | Keenan Leichty (2-6) |
| **Players to Watch** | |
| **#13 Blake Monnin** *QB, 757 yards, 8 TDs; 341 rushing yards, 2 TDs.* | **#12 Perry Schwieterman** *QB/DB, 42-of-97 passing, 701 yards, 9 TDs.* |
| **#2 Kade Schwartz** *WR/K, 22 catches, 318 yards, 5 TDs; 17 PATs, 2 FGs.* | **#21 Isaac Beveridge** *WR/DB, 389 yards, 6 TDs; 4 INTs, including a pick-six.* |
| **#72 B. Kaiser** *DL, 25 tackles, 6 sacks and 3.5 tackles for loss.* | **#9 Rhen Carpenter** *WR/DB, MAC-leading 95 tackles; 2 catches, 42 yards TD* |
| **Last Three Meetings** | 2025: Versailles 43, Parkway 7<br>2024: Versailles 37, Parkway 12<br>2023: Versailles 41, Parkway 7 |

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# Marching Tigers Earn Superior Rating at Home Invite

**Jenn Von Duhn**
*Band Publicity Chair*

VERSAILLES — The Versailles High School Marching Tigers welcomed visiting bands, families, and music enthusiasts to their annual Home Band Invitational on Saturday, October 10, 2026.

The event brought six visiting bands to HB Hole Field, including Mississinawa Valley, Covington, Marion Local, Carlisle, Van Wert, and Middletown, for an evening of outstanding performances.

The Marching Tigers concluded the evening's performances in front of an enthusiastic hometown crowd, earning a Superior (I) rating for their performance of this year's show, "To See the Stars."

Beyond the performances on the field, the invitational demonstrated the incredible support of the Versailles community. Months of planning and preparation culminated in an event made possible by the combined efforts of band families, alumni, volunteers, local businesses, and community supporters.

From concessions and admissions to event coordination and hospitality, volunteers played an essential role in welcoming visiting schools and creating a memorable experience for everyone in attendance.

The Versailles Music Boosters extend their sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's invitational. Their generosity, commitment, and willingness to lend a hand continue to make events like this possible.

Congratulations to the Marching Tigers on their Superior performance, and thank you to the entire Versailles community for helping make the 2026 Home Band Invitational a success!

The band's final performances takes place on 10/17 at Columbus Grove, 10/24 at Tecumseh, and the State competition on November 1 at Piqua.




**Congratulations Versailles Tiger Band!**
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## THIS WEEK IN TIGER SPORTS
OCTOBER 14 – 20, 2026

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| THU 15 OCT | F/JV/Varsity Volleyball HOME vs. Marion Local Senior Night | 4:30pm |
| | JH Football HOME vs. Parkway | 5:30pm |
| FRI 16 OCT | Varsity Football at Parkway | 7:00pm |
| SAT 17 OCT | 7th Grade MAC Volleyball Tournament vs. NK/DSJ at New Knoxville | 9:00am |
| | 8th Grade MAC Volleyball Tournament HOME vs. Parkway/DSJ | 9:00am |
| | JH & HS Cross Country MAC Invitational at Coldwater | 9:00am |
| | JV Football HOME vs. St. Marys | 10:00am |
| MON 19 OCT | Freshman Football HOME vs. Anna | 5:00pm |

# Junior High Tigers Split with St. Johns

The Versailles junior high football teams split their games against Delphos St. Johns this past week, with the seventh grade earning an 18-0 victory and the eighth grade falling 32-0.

Grady Schellhase led the seventh-grade offense with two rushing touchdowns. Henry Brunswick connected with Luke Schlater for a touchdown pass to round out the Tigers' scoring.

Defensively, Versailles kept the Blue Jays off the scoreboard. Christian Mead forced a fumble, and Joey Timmerman recorded a fumble recovery in the shutout victory.

In the eighth-grade game, the Tigers were unable to get on the scoreboard as Delphos St. Johns claimed a 32-0 win.

# HS Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams both take 1st at the Coldwater Lions Invite

COLDWATER (October 10, 2026) – On a cool, cloudy morning, the weather made it ideal conditions for many of the Tigers to take advantage at the Coldwater Lions Invitational to run their personal bests. The high school boys were the first to compete, finishing as a team in first place out of 25 teams, 41 points ahead of the second placed team from Convoy Crestview. While not a personal best time, Jackson Spitzer was once again able to finish the race in first place, setting a new course and meet record. His time of 15:05.74 replaced the previous record of 15:24.71 held by Bennett Lehman of Ansonia. Max McKibben was the second runner in for Versailles. Max came in 5th out of the 259 runners with a time of 16:03.89 (PB). Tony Spitzer was next in for Versailles finishing in 7th place with a season best time of 16:18.37. Ben Pitsenbarger finished in 21st place in 16:55.59 (PB). Jack DeMange in 39th (17:32.73), Luke DeMange in 62nd (17:56.83) (PB), and Brady Rogers completed the top seven for the Tigers. Brady finished in 74th in 18:13.80 (PB).

After the high school boys finished, the high school girls began their race with the same high hopes of personal best times on the fast course as well. However, the race took an unexpected turn, in fact, a wrong turn within the first 800 meters of the race when the lead Gator took an accidental wrong turn and instead headed the Lady Tigers down the junior high 2-mile course. There was confusion midrace among the runners and the spectators as to how they were going to correct course, but in the end, the girls completed a course that measured approximately 3.4 miles instead of the expected 3.1 miles. As a result, the hopes for personal best times were out of reach as their finishing times were skewed, but the Lady Tigers finished strong in spite of the mass confusion as to where and how far they would be running. At the conclusion of it all, the team finished in first place out of 23 teams, and only one point ahead of second place team from Liberty Center.

The top seven runners in for Versailles all finished in the top twenty. Ava Rismiller finished 6th out of the 203 runners in a time of 21:22.59. Laini Simon (21:52.25) and Naomi Rahm (21:55.01) finished in 11th and 12th, while Blair Schellhase finished in 16th in 22:14.53. Myra Braun was the fifth runner in for the team, finishing 18th in 22:18.98. Lillian Selhorst and Abby Wilker raced each other to the finish line finishing in 19th and 20th. Lillian in a time of 22:26.81 and Abby in 22:26.91.

### JH Girls 2nd Boys 7th at Coldwater Invite

The junior high boys finished 7th out of 16 teams. Ben Geisendorff was the first runner in for Versailles finishing 7th out of 188 runners in a time of 11:04.01. Chase Schwartz was next coming in 36th in a time of 11:54.27. Elliot Dirksen finished in 42nd (12:05.02), Luke Brewer in 49th (12:11.83), Ian Grisez in 103rd (13:23.28), Connor Rismiller in 131st (14:20.49), and Sam Meyer finished in 139th (14:39.52) to round out the top seven for Versailles.

The junior high girls ran the last race of the day. The team finished in second place to a very strong West Liberty-Salem team. The Young Lady Tigers had their top five runners finish in the top twenty. Leading the way was Abigail Selhorst who finished 7th out of 150 runners in a time of 12:30.36. Following close behind her were Payton Karns who finished 11th (12:37.02), Bella Hill in 12th (12:38.09), Shelby Austen in 16th (12:51.60), and Sadie Schilling in 20th (12:51.60). Reese Bergman and Baylee Dirksen closed out the top seven for Versailles. Reese finished in 25th (13:00.99) and Baylee finished 50th (14:05.74).

# Lady Tigers Build Momentum with Third Straight Win

Versailles volleyball is putting together a timely winning streak as the regular season enters its final stretch.

The Tigers outlasted Parkway in five sets Oct. 6 before sweeping Fort Recovery Oct. 8, stretching their winning streak to three matches. Following an earlier sweep of New Knoxville, the victories moved Versailles to 14-6 overall and 5-2 in the Midwest Athletic Conference with Minster and Marion Local remaining on the regular-season schedule.

Against Parkway, Versailles had to regroup after a strong start to secure a 25-18, 25-18, 19-25, 18-25, 15-11 home victory.

The Tigers took the opening two sets before the Panthers answered with two of their own, forcing a deciding fifth set. Versailles finished the job with a 15-11 win, handing Parkway just its second loss of the season.

Kiley May powered the Versailles attack with 21 kills, accounting for half of the Tigers' 42 team kills. Allie Wietholter added seven kills and two blocks. Versailles also collected 73 digs and six service aces in a match that required the Tigers to withstand Parkway's push and deliver in the final set.

Two nights later, Versailles carried that momentum to Fort Recovery, earning a 25-23, 26-24, 25-17 victory.

Although the Tigers finished in three sets, the opening two were closely contested. Versailles secured both by the minimum two-point margin before closing out the match with a more comfortable third-set win.

May again led the offense with 17 kills. Allison Bergman contributed six kills without an attacking error, finishing with a .500 hitting percentage, while Wietholter added six kills and five blocks. The Tigers totaled 35 kills, 11 aces and 52 digs in the sweep.

The two victories offered encouraging signs as tournament play approaches: the ability to recover when a match swings back toward an opponent and the ability to finish closely contested sets.




**Kiley May with 38 Kills over the last two matches**

Versailles now turns to its final two regular-season tests, with home matches against Minster on Oct. 13 and Marion Local on Oct. 15. Both provide opportunities to strengthen the Tigers' MAC finish and build on their recent success before the postseason begins.

With three straight wins behind them, the Tigers have given themselves momentum to carry into the season's most important stretch.




# Phlipot Competes at State and Reflects on the Experience

AKRON — Ethan Phlipot finished his high school golf career with a goal accomplished and memories that will last well beyond his final round.

The Versailles senior competed in the OHSAA Division II state tournament Oct. 11-12 at Firestone Country Club's North Course, shooting an opening-round 85 and a second-round 89 for a two-day total of 174 to finish 56th.

While his scores weren't what he had hoped for, Phlipot left Akron appreciating the opportunity to close his senior season at state.

"I didn't play the best golf this weekend, but I had nothing to lose, I already had reached my goal," Phlipot said. "This is an experience that I will never forget."

The trip offered plenty to enjoy beyond the competition. From the practice round to time at the hotel, Phlipot said the memories made throughout the experience were what stood out.

"State was a very fun time," he said. "There were a lot of memories created between the practice round at the hotel or during the round, but it was a good time."

Playing at Firestone also brought an added sense of appreciation for the setting.

"Playing on a historic course boosts the overall experience because you know of the rich history on that course," Phlipot said.

For Versailles coach Chris Hecht, watching Phlipot compete at state was a fitting finish to a career defined by the effort that earned him that opportunity.

"As a coach, you always hope your players get the opportunity to experience something like this," Hecht said. "To see Ethan finish his high school career competing at the State Tournament on a course as challenging as Firestone Country Club is pretty special."

Hecht's pride extended beyond Phlipot's qualification or the numbers on his scorecard.

"But what makes me most proud isn't just that he made it here," Hecht said. "It's the work, determination, and commitment he put in to earn this opportunity. Ethan has represented himself, his teammates, and Versailles with class throughout his career."

Phlipot's final two rounds as a Tiger came with the challenges of state competition, but also with the satisfaction of reaching the destination he had worked toward.

"Very few high school golfers get to finish their careers on a stage like this, and I couldn't be happier for him," Hecht said. "It's a moment he'll remember for the rest of his life, and one I'm grateful to have been a part of."






# Versailles Athletic Boosters to Celebrate 25th Annual Dinner and Auction

The Versailles Athletic Boosters will celebrate 25 years of supporting local student-athletes during their annual dinner and auction Nov. 14 in the school cafetorium.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with a wedding-style dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The evening will include silent and live auctions, along with drawings for one $1,500 cash prize and two $500 cash prizes. Winners must be present to claim their prizes.

General admission is $25 per person or two tickets for $40. Table options include general tables seating eight for $150, regional tables seating eight for $300 and state tables seating 10 for $500.

Reservations may be made by contacting Brad Luthman at (937) 417-9055.

The boosters are also accepting monetary contributions and donated items for the silent and live auctions. To arrange a donation, contact Jamie Koesters at (937) 726-0942.

Donation drop-offs will be held at the Versailles cafetorium from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, and Wednesday, Nov. 11.

All proceeds will support the purchase of uniforms and athletic equipment for Versailles student-athletes.

Come out and enjoy a fun evening that supports the student athletes of Versailles!








# Rep. King Welcomes Diesel Relief as Fuel Costs Draw Election-Year Scrutiny

State Rep. Angie King, R-Celina, is welcoming President Donald Trump's executive order aimed at reducing diesel expenses, as federal and state officials pursue temporary fuel relief ahead of the November midterm elections.

The measures arrive during fall harvest, when fuel costs affect farmers moving crops from fields to storage and market. But questions remain about how much relief the federal action will provide, who will benefit and whether deferred taxes could eventually come due.

"After an exciting announcement last week about the Ohio Gas Tax Holiday, I'm very pleased to see that President Trump is also taking action federally to help lower diesel costs for Americans, especially during harvest season for farmers across the country," King said in a statement.

Trump's Oct. 5 order directs federal officials to provide temporary relief for highway use of red-dyed diesel, which is ordinarily reserved for qualifying off-road uses. It calls for waiving specified federal penalties for highway use from Oct. 5 through Dec. 31 and directs Treasury to determine whether certain diesel tax payments can legally be postponed.

The distinction between postponement and forgiveness matters. The order does not itself erase the underlying tax obligation. Instead, it directs Treasury to explore ways, including legislation, to eliminate deferred payments and to issue guidance identifying eligibility, conditions and payment deadlines.

The White House has promoted potential savings of up to $100 per fill-up. That is an administration estimate, rather than a guaranteed benefit for every driver or farmer.

Farmers already can use dyed diesel for qualifying off-road equipment, meaning the expanded highway access does not create a new tax exemption for all farm fuel purchases. The Associated Press reported that agricultural and trucking groups see limits to the order's benefits, including differences in state rules.

King acknowledged that district-specific details remain under review.

"I am actively looking into the details of the executive order and how it will specifically benefit our district," she said. "I will communicate any updates as soon as I have more details to share with our hard-working farmers!"

The federal action follows Ohio's separate 90-day fuel tax holiday, approved with bipartisan legislative support. The state measure targets Ohio's 38.5-cent-per-gallon gasoline tax and 47-cent-per-gallon diesel tax.

Ohio gasoline prices have fallen since the holiday began, Axios reported Oct. 8, although the tax reduction was not the only factor.

National diesel costs remain elevated. Reuters reported an average of $6.28 per gallon Oct. 9, citing AAA. Retailers also have raised concerns about unclear tax obligations and the practical challenges of expanding dyed-diesel sales.

The timing has brought political scrutiny, with both measures arriving weeks before the Nov. 3 election. During Ohio's legislative debate, Democratic Sen. Willis Blackshear questioned why lawmakers waited months after fuel prices first surged to act, according to the Ohio Capital Journal. Republican Sen. Michele Reynolds pointed to recent diesel increases and defended immediate action.

The Ohio proposal also crossed party lines on the campaign trail: Democratic gubernatorial candidate Amy Acton advocated a suspension before Republican opponent Vivek Ramaswamy backed one, the Capital Journal reported. That history complicates efforts to portray the holiday solely as one party's election strategy.

For local farmers, haulers and motorists, the practical questions extend beyond the election: how much they save, how long relief lasts and, under the federal order, whether postponed taxes will ultimately have to be paid.

# Versailles Students Learn Fire Safety with Local Firefighters

Versailles students spent time learning about fire safety and getting to know local first responders during a recent Fire Prevention Day visit to Station 19.

The station welcomed young learners for a day of education and fun, continuing an annual connection between firefighters and the students they serve. The visit also extended beyond the station, as firefighters joined students at school for lunch afterward.

Organizers joked that the adults were ready for naps by the end of the day, but said they loved welcoming the children and spending time with them at school.

Kindergarteners also received a school visit from firefighters Wagner, Schutz and Giere, who spoke with them about fire safety. School representatives thanked the firefighters for sharing their time and knowledge, praising local first responders for another year of engagement, learning and fun.

The activities continue a longstanding community tradition. According to the Village of Versailles, the volunteer fire department educates local students about fire safety each October during Fire Prevention Week. Youth outreach also includes an annual Bike Rodeo and visits with Scout groups.

For Versailles' youngest learners, the visits provided an opportunity to learn important safety lessons while spending time with the people who help protect their community.



# Edison State Hosting Fall Open House on October 22

Edison State Community College will host a Fall Open House at the Piqua Campus on Thursday, October 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a flexible, come-and-go experience where prospective students can explore academic programs, participate in hands-on activities, meet faculty and staff, tour campus, connect with transfer partners, and receive personalized enrollment support.

Guests can: Explore academic programs: Visit classrooms and labs, meet faculty, and learn about programs that align with their interests and career goals.

Participate in hands-on experiences: Try interactive activities and demonstrations offered by academic programs across campus.

Attend information sessions: Learn about admissions, financial aid, scholarships, and the enrollment process through short presentations offered throughout the event.

Get financial aid assistance: Receive one-on-one assistance from financial aid staff to get answers to FAFSA questions, learn about scholarship opportunities, and receive personalized guidance on paying for college.

Tour campus: Join a guided campus tour and explore the spaces, services, and resources available to Edison State students.

Connect with transfer partners: Learn how an Edison State degree can help students achieve their long-term educational goals. Meet representatives from Franklin University, Tiffin University, and Wright State University to explore bachelor's degree opportunities and seamless transfer pathways.

Plan their futures: Get personalized assistance with admissions, advising, career planning, and completing the Edison State application.

The event will include Getting Started at Edison State, a presentation on admissions and financial aid, at 5:50 and 6:45 p.m. and campus tours at 6:15 and 7:10 p.m.

Guests can come anytime during the Open House and stay as long or as little as they like. Free pizza will be available. Learn more and register at www.edisonohio.edu/openhouse or view a full list of visit opportunities at www.edisonohio.edu/visit.

# North Pole Express Brings Christmas Magic to Bradford Railroad Museum

BRADFORD — Children and their families can experience a little Christmas magic when the Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum hosts its North Pole Express event Dec. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

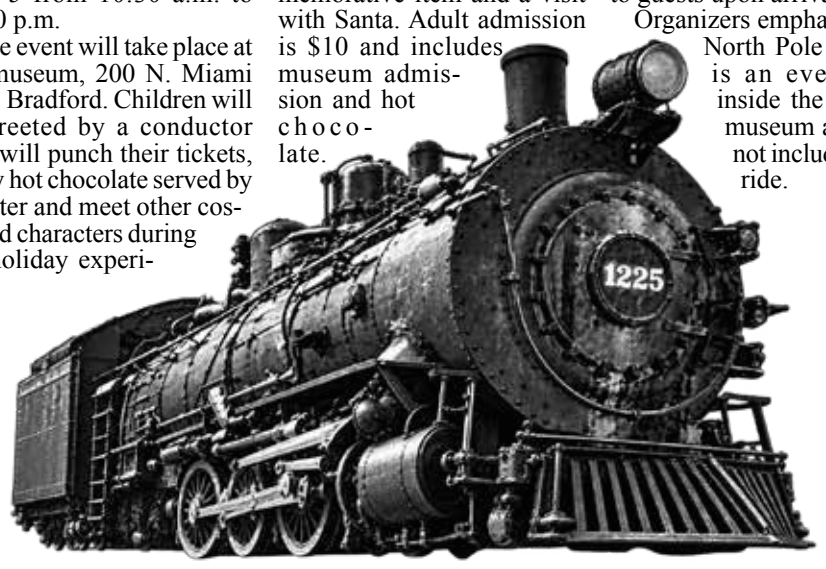
The event will take place at the museum, 200 N. Miami Ave., Bradford. Children will be greeted by a conductor who will punch their tickets, enjoy hot chocolate served by a porter and meet other costumed characters during the holiday experience. A visit with Santa Claus will round out the festivities.

Admission is $10 per child and includes museum admission, a golden ticket, a special cookie, hot chocolate, a commemorative item and a visit with Santa. Adult admission is $10 and includes museum admission and hot chocolate.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance at www.bradfordrrmuseum.org. Tickets will be presented to guests upon arrival.

Organizers emphasize that North Pole Express is an event held inside the railroad museum and does not include a train ride.



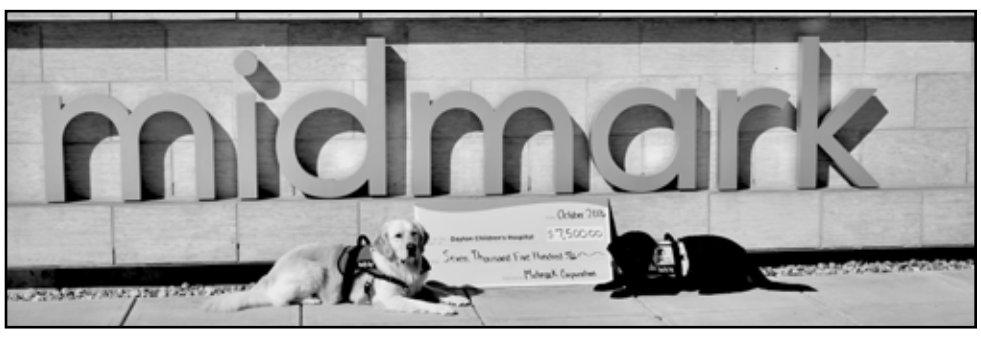

# Darke County Republican Hog Roast to Host Husted, Ramaswamy and More

GREENVILLE - The Darke County Republican Party will be hosting their annual GOP Hog Roast on Sunday, October 18th at 1:00p at the Darke County Fairgrounds. This year, US Senator Jon Husted, Congressman Warren Davidson, Vivek Ramaswamy, Auditor Keith Faber, Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Jay Edwards, Angie King, Johnathan Newman, Phil Plummer, David Coons and Brian Holsapple will all be in attendance.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to meet the candidates that you will be voting on this fall to represent you in Washington, Columbus, and in the Courthouse. The candidates are literally coming to our backyard, and it's a great time to engage and ask your questions," reiterated Darke County Republican Party Chairman Katie DeLand.

The event offers a free lunch and attendance, so please plan on joining us on Sunday at 1:00p!

# *Midmark Supports Dayton Children's through Canine Co-Pilot Fundraising Efforts Continued*




"Midmark's mission is to improve the experience between the patient and the caregiver, and for Midmark, that patient may be human or animal," said Dr. Tom Schwieterman, vice president, clinical affairs and chief medical officer for Midmark. "That creates a natural connection to the human-animal bond and to the role relationships and emotional support can play in the care environment."

Dayton Children's Canine Co-Pilots are facility dogs trained by 4 Paws for Ability for medical procedures and situations. They work alongside their handlers to support patients in a variety of care settings.

The event also provided an opportunity to consider the human-animal bond more broadly. The emotional connection people have with animals - whether with specially trained dogs in a healthcare setting or with their own pets - can contribute to health and well-being.

Research has examined the potential benefits of animal-assisted interactions in healthcare. In a 2019 controlled clinical trial led by Indiana University School of Medicine, just 15 minutes with a certified therapy dog and handler reduced median anxiety scores among emergency-department patients from 6 to 2, while anxiety remained unchanged in the usual-care group.

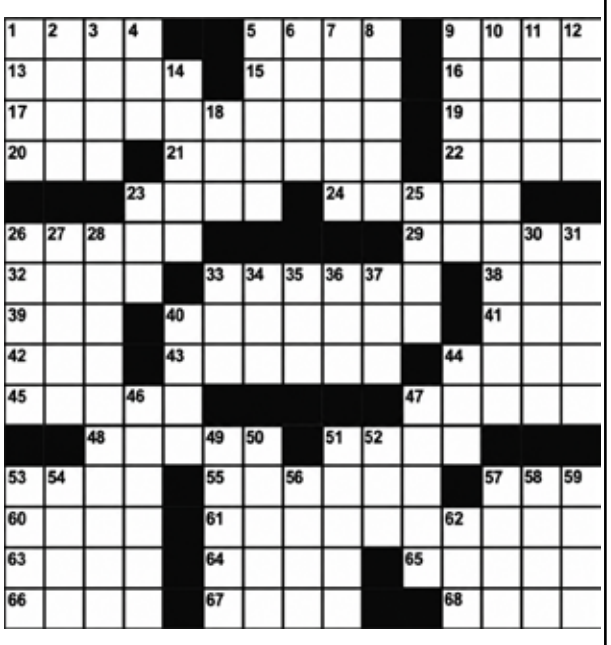
"Few organizations have the opportunity Midmark has to bring human and animal healthcare together," Schwieterman said. "The human-animal bond is one of the places where those two sides of Midmark naturally intersect around a shared idea: good care is not simply what we do to a patient; it is also the experience we create around that patient."

About Dayton Children's Canine Co-Pilots

Dayton Children's Canine Co-Pilots are specially trained facility dogs that work with the hospital's Child Life team to support children receiving care. Trained by 4 Paws for Ability for medical procedures and situations, the facility dogs can help calm patients during certain procedures, encourage movement and activity, comfort children who have experienced trauma and provide other forms of support. Learn more at childrensdayton.org/services/child-life/canine-copilots/.



# Crossword



**Across**

1 Bypass
5 Ships that were measured in cubits
9 Warnings from Fido
13 Initial poker contributions
15 Emmy-winning comedian Love
16 Stir up
17 2-Down 5-Down?
19 Name that anagrams to "Mary"
20 Pigpen
21 "Here's the deal ..."
22 Short-long metrical foot
23 Walk heavily
24 Fashion imprint
26 Respond to a job ad
29 Thing in the plus column
32 Pro shop pegs
33 Grassland
38 Actress Thurman
39 Eco-friendly org.
40 34-Down 25-Down?
41 Debt letters
42 Trojans' sch.
43 Abandon
44 Abbr. before a recipient's name
45 Musical composition
47 ___ tooth (love of sugar)
48 Some online product services
51 Smoke duct
53 ___ gin
55 "Asteroids" consoles
57 Babysitter's challenge
60 Middle of a planet
61 They sound more similar than they look ... and are central to this puzzle's theme
63 Austrian mountains
64 "It slipped!"
65 Greek I's
66 Bottom of a statue
67 "What ___ is new?"
68 Letter format?

**Down**

1 French for "without"
2 Tree protuberance
3 ___-bitty
4 Princess's annoyance
5 Audibly
6 Spreadsheet divisions
7 Prepare to pop the question
8 Better half?
9 They clash in battle
10 16-Across 47-Across?
11 Unwavering
12 Chunk of bacon
14 In a cunning manner
18 Bloke's bathroom
23 Start of a texter's request, maybe
25 Cry loudly
26 Wolfed down
27 Cola wars side
28 45-Across 60-Across?
30 Act theatrically
31 Jeer at
33 Cambridge sch.
34 Miss the mark
35 Org. that accredits law schools
36 Castellaneta who voices Homer
37 Like antiques
40 Crossing the Caribbean, say
44 Admiration
46 "Big" or "blue" follower
47 Dish served with wasabi
49 Lake partially in Nevada
50 Piano accompaniment?
51 Cold, pink cocktail
52 ChapStick target
53 Worker during a strike
54 "Whatever ___ Wants" ("Damn Yankees" song)
56 Rock concert blasters
57 Fanatical about
58 Spiteful
59 (Over here!)
62 "I didn't see that wall!"

**Answers**



# Sudoku

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| 2 | 5 | | 9 | 3 | | | | |
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| 6 | | | | | | 3 | | 4 |

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively

**Solution**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 6 |
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| 7 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 8 |
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# Word Search

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Hoary
Hokum
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Matt
Moat
Octagonal
Orioles
Paean
Pasteurizing
Patina
Perambulates
Pinhole
Rise
Scrofula
Shed
Souse
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Spirit
Taxiing
Tempers
Tenpin
Traducing
Tsar
Tubbiest
Yammering




## *10 Years*

- Aaron Mangen and Heather Albers named Homecoming Queen and King
- Versailles FFA Places 1st in District 5 FFA Soil Judging
- Lady Tiger Golfers Win First-Ever District Title
- Derek Gaier a National Winner in Engineering Challenge

## *25 Years*

- Versailles Boys Golfers earn trip to state, finishing 2nd at Districts
- Chris Lennon and Carol Frey put 'on call' to help in New York apart of critical incident stress team
- Downtown Versailles enters final phase with local detour route
- Area Deaths: Katherine Hess , 70; Stella Broering, 92

## *50 Years*

- Miss Teresa Borchers, a Versailles High School senior, was selected as the 1976 Tipp City Mum Festival Queen.
- First place winners in the local Punt, Pass, and Kick competition were: 8 years old-Mark Marshal; 9 year old-Tony Kueterman; 10 year old-Todd Subler, 11 year old-Keith Huelskamp; 12 year old-Ted
- Blakeley; and thirteen year old-Kenny Mescher.
- Area Deaths: Dr. Gilbert Sayle, 68; Bessie Keller, 80; Clara Butt, 73.




# September Common Pleas Report

GREENVILLE - Travis L. Fliehman, Judge of the Darke County Court of Common Pleas, reported on the following actions undertaken by the Court for the month of September, 2026: www.darkecountycommonpleas.com

There were 31 new civil cases filed or reopened; 29 civil cases were completed; 147 total civil cases pending.

There were 17 new criminal (felony) cases filed; 23 criminal cases were completed; 74 criminal cases remain pending.

Domestic relations cases, 33 new cases or motions were filed or reopened; 25 cases or motions were completed. A total of 110 cases remain pending as of the end of September, 2026.

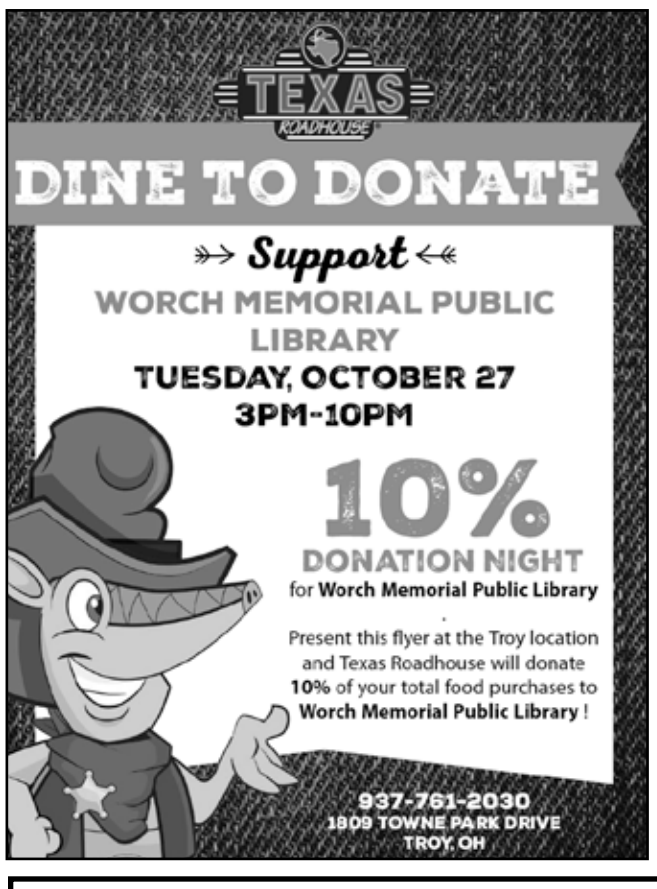
For further information, contact Judge Travis L. Fliehman, Common Pleas Court, Courthouse, Greenville, Ohio 45331 (937) 547-7325.




# Dine to Support Worch Library

Worch Library is hosting a Dine to Donate at the Troy, Ohio, Texas Roadhouse on Tuesday, October 27, from 3 PM - 10 PM.

Diners must present the Dine to Donate flyer or a screenshot of the flyer when ordering. Flyers can be picked up at the main desk or the children's desk at Worch Library (or clipped from the Policy!) The flyer can also be found on the library's Facebook page and website. Worch Library will receive 10% of total food purchases.




# CLASSIFIEDS

PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD BY EMAILING JD@VERSAILLESPOLICY.COM

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
*OCTOBER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE*

Notice is hereby given that the regular October board meeting date is being changed from October 20, 2026 to October 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

**JOB POSTING**
*IMMEDIATE OPENING — BUS DRIVER*

Versailles Exempted Village Schools has an immediate opening for an AM Bus Driver. There is also the possibility for the position to include both AM and PM routes.

Starting pay for candidates with no prior experience is $24.37 per hour, with higher pay available based on years of experience.

Those interested in the position or wanting additional information should contact Kyle Kunk, Transportation Director, at kyle.kunk@vtigers.org or 937-526-4773.

**FOR SALE**
*Yorkie Puppies*

Adorable male and female Yorkie puppies are looking for loving, caring homes. Puppies are AKC registered and ready to become part of a wonderful family, If you're genuinely interested and would like more information, please feel free to contact me at malyschristine65@gmail.com.

*ADVERTISEMENT OF PUBLIC SALE OF EQUIPMENT BY THE VILLAGE OF VERSAILLES*

Pursuant to Resolution 26-42, the Village of Versailles is offering for sale a 2009 International Dump Truck. The Village's Utilities Superintendent has been authorized to sell the aforementioned equipment to the highest bidder according to law upon the following terms:

A. An internet auction will be conducted by placing up for bid said vehicle and equipment on www.GovDeals.com. The internet auction will be open for a period of 15 days and is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, and scheduled to close on Thursday, October 29, 2026 at 4:00 PM EST.

B. Interested bidders who desire to bid on the equipment are required to register on the www.GovDeals.com website.

C. Bidders and other participants of the internet auction are required to abide by the terms and conditions of www.GovDeals.com.

D. The Village Administrator shall not cause the transfer of title until the purchase price has been paid in full in compliance with the terms and conditions of the www.GovDeals.com internet auction seller's agreement.

E. The winning bidders of the equipment is required to issue and make payment to the Village of Versailles through the www.GovDeals.com website. Payment methods are wire transfer, PayPal, or credit cards.

F. The Village of Versailles reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw from sale the equipment items listed.

Individuals may make an appointment to inspect the equipment by contacting the Utilities Superintendent Darrin Mumaw at (937) 526-3294 x226 or via email at darrinmumaw@versaillesoh.com.

Kyle R. Francis
Village Administrator

# Versailles Class of 1975

Classmates are invited to gather and enjoy a milestone 70th birthday celebration on Saturday, October 24. The fun will begin at 4 pm at the Heitkamp Family Barn, 8140 Goffena Road. Please bring a snack or appetizer to share as well as your own drinks. Donations will be collected to offset the costs of the event.

Please RSVP by October 10 by emailing Deb Seger, debraseger@twc.com. She can also answer any questions you may have.

Organizers encourage classmates to attend to reminisce, reconnect, and celebrate together!

# Versailles Schools Accepting Bids on Former Football Scoreboard's Top Section

VERSAILLES — Versailles Exempted Village Schools is accepting sealed bids for the top section of the former football scoreboard at H.B. Hole Field.

The section measures approximately 25 feet wide and is being offered with a minimum bid of $500. It will be sold as is, with no warranties expressed or implied. The winning bidder will be responsible for payment, removal and transportation.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Football Scoreboard Bid" and delivered to Versailles Schools, 459 South Center St., Versailles, OH 45380, no later than 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23. Late bids will not be accepted.

All bids received by the deadline will remain sealed until they are opened simultaneously at 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 26. The scoreboard section will be awarded to the highest qualified bidder whose bid meets or exceeds the $500 minimum.

The district reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities or irregularities in the bidding process.

For more information or to schedule a viewing, contact the Versailles Athletic Department or Treasurer's Office at 937-526-4426 or 937-526-4773.







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# WAYNE HEALTHCARE OCTOBER 2026 events

**For more information, visit WayneHealthCare.org**

## OCTOBER 1




# BRAKE FOR BREAKFAST

**Thursday, October 1**
**7:00-8:30 am**

Fuel up with a **FREE** breakfast at Wayne HealthCare in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness.

*While supplies last!*

Curbside pick-up at the hospital main entrance
835 Sweitzer Street, Greenville

- ✔ Receive information on the importance of early detection
- ✔ Learn about our cancer services
- ✔ Ask about FREE tests for underinsured and uninsured
- ✔ Meet our surgeons

## OCTOBER 7

BUFFALO WILD WINGS

# EAT WINGS RAISE FUNDS

## WAYNE HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

**Wed., October 7**
**4:00–9:00 pm**

1485 Wagner Avenue
Greenville

DINE IN OR TAKEOUT

**Mention this fundraiser and Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 15% of your total bill* to the Wayne HealthCare Foundation.**

**Not including tax, gratuity, alcohol or promotional discounts*

## OCTOBER 7

# Beyond the Pounds OPEN HOUSE

**Everyone Welcome!**

Join us for an evening of learning, encouragement, and connection as we explore ways to support a healthier lifestyle and improve overall health. Whether you're new to Beyond the Pounds, curious about the program, or reconnecting with us, we'd love to see you.

**Wednesday, October 7, 2026**
5:30–7:00 PM

**Family Health Community Room 1**
5735 Meeker Rd.
Greenville, OH 45331

**Refreshments Provided!**

**You'll Learn About**
- Weight management
- Healthy lifestyle habits
- Nutrition & physical activity
- GLP-1 medications
- Cancer risk reduction
- Health resources & support

**Special Presentation**
**Dr. Hawley, Beyond the Pounds Physician,** will present:

**Small Changes, Big impact:**
Healthy Weight and
Cancer Risk Reduction

*Learn how everyday, practical steps can make a meaningful difference in your health.*

FAMILY Health · Commission on Cancer Accredited Program · WAYNE HealthCare

## OCTOBER 8



# HEALTHY moments

# Myths, Mammogram & More

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR BREAST HEALTH

A mammogram is an important tool—but breast health can involve more than a single image. Join us for a **FREE Healthy Moments event** with Radiologist Dr. Loren Buck and Surgeon Dr. Stephanie Buchanan to explore what happens when screening results, breast changes or other concerns require a closer look.

**Thursday, October 8**
Complimentary Meal at 5:30 pm
Presentation at 6:00 pm

*Wayne HealthCare, Community Rooms*
*Harrison Entrance*
Space is limited; RSVP early

**You will learn about:**
- Mammogram callbacks and follow-up
- Breast densities
- Comparing previous mammograms
- Breast lumps and biopsies
- Breast cancer detection
- Mammogram and breast cancer myths
- Radiology and surgical perspectives

**RSVP by October 6 to 937.569.6504 or robyn.feitshans@waynehealthcare.org**

## OCTOBER 13

# DIABETES WELLNESS PROGRAM

**FREE! In-Person or Virtual Event**

**Tuesday, October 13**
**12:00 - 1:00 pm**

**Wayne HealthCare Community Room 2**
**835 Sweitzer St., Greenville – Harrison Entrance**
*The program will be held in-person and virtually via ZOOM.*



## "Common Myths of Diabetes"

This presentation explores common misconceptions about diabetes and separates myth from facts.

**Please RSVP (in-person or virtual) by October 12 to Karen Droesch at 937.569.6750 or karen.droesch@waynehealthcare.org.**

## OCTOBER 21

# STRONGER THAN CANCER

Give Blood.
Save Lives.
Fight Cancer.




RECEIVE A FREE TSHIRT WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

**Wayne HealthCare Community Blood Drive**

**Wed., October 21**
**8:00 am–2:00 pm**

First Floor Community Rooms
Use Harrison Entrance
835 Sweitzer St., Greenville

**To schedule your appointment:**
- **Scan the QR code**
- **Visit donate.versitidayton.org**
- **Call 937.461.3220**

**Use sponsor code: SPONO00066**

Blood Drive Contact:
Dana Puterbaugh

## OCTOBER 21

# The Art of Living Well



## *A Women's Afternoon Tea*

**Wednesday, October 21 | 2:00–3:30 pm**

Chestnut Village Community Center, Brethren Retirement Community
750 Chestnut St., Greenville, OH 45331

Gather around the table with a warm cup of tea, something sweet and delicious, and good company. Join friends and neighbors for a relaxing afternoon of tea, treats and conversation with **Alaine Kirby, MSN, FNP, Family Nurse Practitioner with Western Ohio OB/GYN**.



**Alaine will discuss:**
- Women's health and wellness
- Staying healthy and active
- Feeling your best as you age

Come for the tea and treats, and leave inspired to take good care of yourself!

WAYNE HealthCare · Brethren Retirement Community

**RSVP by October 14 to Amanda Church at 937.547.7616**

## ALL MONTH

# *Celebrating Our* PHYSICAL THERAPY TEAM

**OCTOBER IS NATIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY MONTH**



Outpatient Rehabilitation team

*Thank You*

to our dedicated physical therapy team for the care, encouragement, and expertise you bring to every patient.

**Our physical therapy team helps you:**
- Relieve pain & recover from injuries or surgery
- Improve mobility, flexibility, & balance
- Manage chronic diseases or movement disorders
- Support recovery during pregnancy & postpartum
- Prevent injuries & stay active at every age
- Enhance performance for work, fitness, or play